

REMARKS

Claims 38-47 have been canceled. Accordingly, claims 1-5, 7-19, 21-28, and 48 are pending in the present application. The Office Action of 27 July 2006 indicates that the pending claims (*i.e.*, 1-5, 7-19, 21-28, and 48) are allowed. Accordingly, only the allowed claims are currently pending in the present application.

Claims 38-47 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a), as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,637,699 to Banks *et al.* ("Banks") in view of U.S. Patent 4,272,040 to Bastian *et al.* ("Bastian"). Claims 38-47, however, have been canceled. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Wherefore, in view of the foregoing remarks, this application is considered to be in condition for allowance, and an early reconsideration and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (817) 578-8616 with any questions, comments, or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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